

Appln No. 10/728,971
Amdt. Dated October 14, 2004
Response to Office action of September 17, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Office Action mailed 17 September 2004, claims 1 to 4 and 7 were rejected under prior art grounds. The Examiner had indicated the allowability of claims 5 and 6 if re-written in independent form. In the reasons expressing allowable subject matter, the Examiner stated that the feature of "*nozzle arrangements are positioned so that the actuator arms of the nozzle arrangements are oriented at an acute angle with respect to a print medium feed direction*" is not found in the prior art.

Applicant thanks Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, and accordingly has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5. In order to provide a proper antecedent for the claim, claim 1 has also been amended to incorporate some of the subject matter of claim 4. Claim 4 has been amended to prevent repetition of features, 5 has been cancelled, and claim 6 has been amended to append to claim 1.

Whilst claim 5 was originally appended to claim 1 through claims 2, 3 and 4, the limitations of claims 2-4 are not essential for the above mentioned feature of claim 5. Applicant contends that because claim 1 now incorporates the feature of claim 5, this is sufficient for claim 1 to be distinguished from the prior art. Accordingly, claims 2-4 are unamended.

Applicant contends that in light of these amendments, the application is now in order for allowance, and further consideration of the examination is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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